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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Patent Application of:  
Yuri IWANO

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Art Unit: 2188

For: DISK MEDIUM MANAGING METHOD

Examiner: J. Song

**STATEMENT OF SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW IN  
ACCORDANCE WITH MPEP §713.04**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Applicant submits herewith a statement on the substance of the telephonic interview held on June 6, 2006.

The Examiner is thanked for conducting the telephone interview of June 6, 2006.

During the interview, terminology in claim 1 and Figures 4 and 5 of the Igarashi reference were discussed. Applicant's representative explained that Fig. 4 shows the "second area" as being the "Volume Management Area," and that Fig. 5 shows details of the "Volume Management Area." Applicant's representative explained that files are recorded in the "Extent Area" separate from the "Volume Management Area."

The Examiner expressed that the claim recites "area" and the reference indicates that data that are stored in the second area (col. 3, lines 41-46) may include an extent record block for a file.

Applicant's representative explained that information about the location of a file is recorded after a directory is created (i.e., after a Directory Record Block for a directory is recorded).

The Examiner appeared to agree with the explanation. The Examiner expressed that in the next response, applicant should point out where in the specification the claimed elements of "area" and "area location information" are defined, and present arguments as to why Igarashi does not teach those claimed elements.

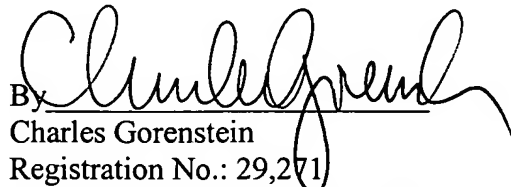
Should the Examiner have any questions regarding this matter, she is respectfully requested to contact Robert W. Downs (Reg. No. 48,222), who may be reached in the Washington, DC, area at (703) 205-8000.

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Respectfully submitted,

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